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NOTE AND COMMENT

Father Lacombe's statement at the recent Canadian Club luncheon that it was only with the large influx of white men that crime came into this country has caused considerable comment in the press. No one in the old days thought of putting a lock on his door. The treaty commissioner even now carries with him large sums of money into the north country without taking as much precaution against robbery as the officials of a city bank do in sending a few hundred dollars from a branch to the head office. Yet there is nothing strange or new about the fact to which the reverend father called attention in such an interesting way and nothing to justify the rash conclusion which some have come to, that the spread of civilization is not desirable.

Crime has at all stages in human experience followed a change from a simple to a more complex mode of life. It is practically non-existent within the family circle, and this is also very largely true of a small self-contained community, the members of which are like one large family. But as the individuals comprising this community mix with those of other communities, and in the course of time those of one nation have dealings with those of another, it is manifest that the personal bond is weakened and that they will commit offences which under simpler conditions would never have been thought of.

But if men continued to live in the primitive state referred to, could they be realizing all for which the human race was put upon the earth? It is evident that what we should endeavor to do is not to stem the tide of civilization but to endeavor to cultivate the virtues under civilized conditions that needed no cultivation in the earlier days. It is altogether wrong to say that so ago, the small boy who witnessed Barnum unloading, arose with the sun to see the principal circus organization, which now tours Canada, unload. He wondered whether the circus paraphernalia could ever be successfully removed from the train without the aid of the hero of his early days. But to his great surprise he saw in the position of responsibility, a man who gave his orders as quietly as if he were directing a church gathering of willing workers. No other passed his lips and, strangest thing of all, the men seemed to work harder and accomplish more than they did on the former occasion. And the change that has taken place in circus management is apparent everywhere.

The other day at the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's convention in Calgary, Rev. Canon Webb declared that the two greatest sins of the west today are profanity and drunkenness. While not disputing the fact that both are sins, we do not see why either should be connected particularly with the west. The writer can only speak from his own experience and from the result of conversations which he has had with others, but he is certain that in respect to neither offence is the Canadian West as badly off as are other parts of the world and other parts of this country. He has followed very much the same walk in life in Alberta, as he did in Eastern Canada, and is positive that for one word of profanity that he hears in Edmonton he would have heard two or three in his former haunts.

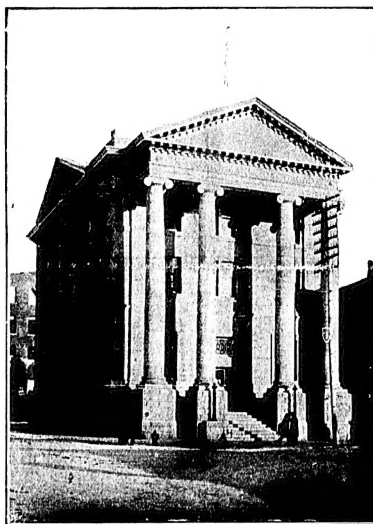
All over America, however, it should be remembered, there is a great improvement in this respect. The swearing habit is identical very largely with a primitive state, in which it was felt necessary in issuing a command to a man to address him as if he were a beast of burden. Since then a new conception of the dignity of labor, as well as of the dignity of mastership, has arisen. A visit paid some twenty five years ago to an Ontario town by Barnum and Bailey's famous circus comes to mind. One of the great attractions was the man who

superintended the unloading of the vans in the early morning hours. The language in which he addressed those under him was a classic of profanity. Young and old listened to him with awe-struck attention. There was no Moral Reform Association in those days or Barnum would have had to have given a most valued employee a holiday during his Ontario tour, for it was a matter of general knowledge that he could not do his work properly, if he were not able to give a free range to his vocabulary.

This was a quarter of a century ago, when many of the swearers of the Horace Greeley type, still held high places in public life, and profanity was not generally considered inconsistent with a practice of all the other virtues. But a change has come in that time. A year or so ago, the small boy who witnessed Barnum unloading, arose with the sun to see the principal circus organization, which now tours Canada, unload. He wondered whether the circus paraphernalia could ever be successfully removed from the train without the aid of the hero of his early days. But to his great surprise he saw in the position of responsibility, a man who gave his orders as quietly as if he were directing a church gathering of willing workers. No other passed his lips and, strangest thing of all, the men seemed to work harder and accomplish more than they did on the former occasion. And the change that has taken place in circus management is apparent everywhere.

As to the second part of Canon Webb's charge, we also hold that it is incapable of proof. Colonel Lamb of the Salvation Army made a most inspiring observation some time ago. Discussing the condition of those who had emigrated from the British Isles to Canada, he noted that in nine cases out of ten, men who were drunkards in the Old Land shook off their curse when they came to this country. There was something in the very air of Canada, declared Colonel Lamb, which made for good, clean living. And this is true, we are confident, to a greater extent in the west than in the older settled provinces. The writer desires again to draw on his personal experience in this connection. If that of others has been different, he would like to hear from them. But he can only speak of a country and its people as he finds them. He was an employer of labor in the East, as he has been in the West. In the former there was scarcely a week passed but inconvenience was caused by some employee going off on a drunk. After a holiday, work would very often be at a standstill from this cause. In Edmonton no employee of his has in the course of a year ever

An Edmonton Twentieth-Century Building



Interior and Exterior Views of the new Imperial Bank, corner of Jasper and McDougall Avenues, Edmonton, an extended reference to which appears on page two. Behind the bank may be caught a glimpse of the postoffice building now in course of erection.

lost an hour through insobriety, nor, so far as is known, has his efficiency ever been in the slightest impaired for a moment of the day on that account. With two experiences like this before us, it can hardly be wondered at that we are of the opinion that Rev. Canon Webb does the West an injustice.

According to the report which appears in the *Imperial Province* of a meeting held recently, Mr. Root, the Conservative candidate for the House of Commons in Red Deer, is putting forth some fiscal ideas, which will not afford much encouragement to those who looked to him to lead his party into a position on the tariff, more in accord with Western ideas.

"The Conservatives," the *Province's* report reads "were accused of being free traders. They were not. They believed in protection on articles which could be made at home, but things which had to be imported ought to come in free of duty. The Conservatives had done more to reduce the duty in 11 years than the Liberals did in 12. All the colonies are protectionists except India. England built her manufactures under 60 years of protection."

How is the consumer to be benefited by letting in articles free of duty that cannot be made here? How many such articles are there? Even oranges might be grown profitably in the Dominion provided the duty on them were made high enough. "Protection on articles that could be made at home" is exactly what the Canadian Manufacturers' Association believes in. Yet Mr. Root started out on his campaign by saying that he was in politics to fight protection and the C.P.R. If he backs down in his fight with the latter as he has apparently in that with the tariff, the directors of the railway need have no fears on his account.

There is one sentence in the above quotation that we do not understand. Mr. Root refers to what the Conservatives did in the reduction of the tariff. Yet the rest of his argument is against such a course.

Mr. McCarthy has been nominated in the Conservative interests in Calgary. It was undoubtedly his wish to retire but such strong pressure was brought to bear upon him that he consented to stand again. Those who were responsible for keeping

him in public life did the public good service. Both parties lack too seriously men of real ability at Ottawa for Mr. McCarthy to be spared. There should be no doubt about his re-election, although the Liberals have a strong organization in Calgary and will put up a first-class fight.

The Edmonton bylaw to provide for the city's share of the cost of the traffic deck of the high level bridge passed by an enormous majority. Following upon a similar result in Strathcona, the carrying out of this long-cherished project is assured. Other matters connected with the C.P.R. entrance to the city have yet to be adjusted, but it is extremely unlikely that whatever the result of the negotiations still pending, it will affect the construction of the bridge with its traffic deck feature. To Edmonton, the latter will mean a very great deal and it is a matter of no small satisfaction to find that the petty objections which were generally raised to the enterprise in the first place have been practically eliminated.

The Edmonton city council has decided to award the contract for a 1200 telephone exchange to the Strawger Company of Chicago. The latter agreed to put up a \$25,000 guarantee that it will have its system installed and ready for operation by April 20th, provided full specifications were received by Feb. 20th. The cost is to be \$56,450. These are the terms of the agreement, but when we are to have the 'phones is, of course, another matter. Ald. Melnick ventured the opinion that they would not be in by July. The Larimer people were to have their system ready by the end of 1906. Here we are well into 1908 and when Mayor McDougall was in the East, the Larimer manager told him that his company had not started manufacturing the plant until a year after the contract was signed, that is about half-a-year after they had agreed to deliver it.

It is doubtless a very naive question to ask, but, as a simple layman, we would like to know, in view of the above facts, what legal agreements are for? What is the use of going to the trouble and expense of making them, if one of the parties can break them at will, and suffer no serious consequences as a result? Why didn't the council of 1906 merely say to the Larimer manager: "Go ahead and manufacture your system when you can, and we'll be ready to use it, when you have it completed."

If people will not have their telephones in till July, as Ald. Melnick says, why should there be an agreement to have them by April? Doubtless, if this part of the agreement were not carried out the

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AT THE LEGISLATURE

The third session of the first legislature of Alberta has reached its final stages. It has been a notable one in many ways. It was the first to be held in a building, owned and erected by the province for the particular purpose to which it was devoted, and the result has been to give the proceedings a dignity, which they in other years lacked.

Another thing which even the most casual visitor must have noticed was the greater measure of ease and self-confidence with which the members discharged their duties. In some it was more apparent than in others, and in none more so, than in the Opposition contingent. The *Saturday News* has had occasion frequently to criticize the stand taken by Messrs Robertson and Hiebert, but this much is certain, that during the past few weeks they have risen to their responsibilities to a much greater extent than previously and by their activity have made the sessions of the House more what they should be under British constitutional conditions. Incidentally the change has been a very good thing for the government and its supporters in putting them more on their mettle.

The labor legislation has been undoubtedly the outstanding feature of the session. On Monday the Compensation Act went through the committee stage in amended form. The changes suggested by the forces of organized labor were, as explained by Hon. Mr. Cross, given very close consideration, and a number were agreed to. The most important were those by which the height of buildings, to the work in construction of which the act is to apply, was reduced from 240 to 30 feet, the limit of compensation to be paid in case of death increased from \$1500 to \$1800, that in case of injury from \$5 to \$7.50 per week, and the compensation in case no dependents are left, from \$100 to \$200.

Mr. Robertson held that the government had not gone far enough in its effort to safeguard the employee. This is not likely to be the opinion, either of the average worker affected, or that of the man on the street. It was shown by Mr. Cross, both in introducing the measure to the House and later in the committee, that the legislation, judging from the experience of other countries and provinces, was of an advanced type, and there is every indication that those who are primarily concerned are well satisfied with what the government has done, both in respect to this bill and for the introduction of an eight hour day in the coal mining industry. It will not be the employees, but the employers, with whose complaints the government will have to deal.

The *Foran Ledger* is a strong labor journal, and so keenly interested was it in these two bills that it had a representative in Edmonton to send it intelligence regarding their progress. What he wrote has considerable significance.

"Coming to the main question," he informed his paper, "the eight hour law was brought in for its second reading on Tuesday evening and the speech which Cushing made in support of it was by all odds the best thing of the session. Simmons also came up like a little man and made a cordial address which sounded like the real thing. Robertson and Hiebert for the Opposition were for it strong and the southern members, although they have not been heard of yet, by their silence are giving consent. In fact no one seems to have a word to say against it, so far as can be seen on the surface. Surface showings, however, are not always indications, and in this particular case the surface indications are only hiding a pretty sharp struggle beneath. Not that the government is averse to passing the

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

About Town.

At All Saints Church on Sunday,
Bishop Pinkham stated that the time
was not far distant when Edmonton
would be the centre of a new Epis-
copal diocese. He desired to see at
least four Episcopal churches in the
city as soon as possible. Pursuant to
the Bishop's wishes, it has been decid-
ed to open an east end mission,
somewhere near the Alexander Tay-
lor school, which will eventually be
known as St. Andrew's Church. All
Saints' church will also be improved
and enlarged during the present
year.

At the Board of Trade meeting on
Friday it was decided to make rep-
resentations to the Minister of Militia
to have the brigade camp held in
Edmonton next year.

Among the settlers arriving at
the Immigration hall this week were
J. Hewitt, Seattle; J. Palmer and
S. Fulton, Manitoba; Thomas Cock-
burn, Stockport, England; and Neil
Baehner, Chicago. Messrs Hewitt
and Baehner represent large parties.

John H. Tranter, a former well
known Strathcona merchant, who
was arrested in Vancouver some
weeks ago, is now being prosecuted
on a charge preferred by John W.
Peck and Co., Winnipeg, of divert-
ing funds from his business which
should have been paid to them as
creditors.

A man named Bridges Coates, who
was acting temporarily as C.P.R.
telegraph operator at Strathcona,
secured \$300 from the Canadian
Bank of Commerce by forging a
telegram from an American bank
instructing the Strathcona branch
to pay that sum to his order. Just
as soon as he received the money he
left town. It is understood that
the bank will hold the telegraph
company liable.

There have been sixty two applica-
tions for the position of auditor of
the city of Edmonton, coming from
all parts of the globe.

The dates of the Edmonton exhi-
bition will be June 23, 24, 25 and 26.
Arrangements have been made to
have the cheap rates for the Domini-
on fair at Calgary come into force so
that visitors may take in the Edmon-
ton fair as well.

The Alexander Taylor school will
be opened for pupils on March 2nd
but the formal opening, consisting
of a public reception in the evening
will not take place till the succeed-
ing Friday, March 6.

All the ballots voted upon in Ed-
monton on Monday carried by
sweeping majorities. The results
were:

Bylaw 161, to provide \$42,500 to
pay part of cost of traffic deck on
C.P.R. bridge—For, 1,072; against,
47.

Bylaw 162, to provide \$10,000 to
pay city's share of cost of certain
cement and plank sidewalks—For,
934; against 40.

By-law 163, to provide \$49,000 to
cover deficit on last debenture sales
—For, 187; against 41.

Bylaw 164, to provide \$30,000
additional cost of street railway
material—For 921; against 110.

Bylaw 165, to provide \$40,000 for
improvement and extension of tele-
phone system—For 1,022; against 34.

Bylaw 166, to provide \$60,000 for
improvement and extension of elec-
tric lighting and power system—For
1,019; against 33.

Bylaw 167, to provide \$5,000,
extra cost of erection and equipment
of Isolation Hospital—For, 841;
against, 89.

Bylaws 168, to provide \$20,000 for
fire equipment and additional cost of
new fire halls—For, 998; against 50.

Bylaw 169, to provide \$130,000
for city's share of street paving and
street railway track laying—For,
963; against, 104.

AN EDMONTON TWENTIETH
CENTURY BUILDING.

The imposing columns and vast
stone structure of the Imperial
Bank at the corner of Jasper Ave
and McDougall st., must give the im-
migrant and visitor to Edmonton,
something in the nature of a shock.

He has come prepared to find us
a go ahead and bustling community,
but is certainly not looking for
solid stone buildings that would do
credit to any city on the continent.
But the great bank stands there
with an air of total unconcern, quite
as if it was only a representative
edifice of the present day city,
instead of the pioneer parent of the
greater and vaster Edmonton that
is to be.

Saturday I took a morning off
with the architect, Mr. Barnes, and
did the building from the ground
floor up. I had intended delving
ever deeper and exploring the fine
quarters of the Canadian Imperial
in the basement, but peeping in at
the windows, I saw the staff so busily
engaged looking after a mob of
customers, I decided to wait for a
more opportune moment. The en-
trance to a building corresponds
very much to the face of a person, it
may attract or repel—the wise archi-
tect looks to it that in a competitive
business such as the case of a bank,
the steps are made easy, the por-
tico leading up to the doorway yawns
comfortably wide, generously—as if
in hospitable welcome—of any who
may see fit to avail themselves of
its services. There is an air of solid
substantiality that unconsciously
provides a feeling of security.
Such is the entrance to the bank I
have referred to. Even by night,
this impression is never lost, but
from early dusk till the latest night
hawk goes home to roost, two great
iron lamps still point out the fact
that though the rest of the world
may be wrapped in slumber, it res s
dog-fashion, with not one, but two
eyes open.

The vestibule carries out the idea
of handsome substantiality, being
solidly paneled in rich oak squares,
while the great entrance doors are
of wrought iron and plate glass with
innerfloors of the last named material.

But the main hall of the bank
itself is where the chief interest
lies. Here the flooring is of white
marble mosaic, with a border of
colored marble, while giant pil-
lars of wonderful imitation of Verde
antique marble, in a green
tone, rise to the richly-tinted deep
cream ceiling. The walls are of a
soft pink, that throw into fine relief
the magnificent paneled marble
counters, that divide the public from
the bank employees, and which is
further enhanced by the dull brass
electric lamps and other fixtures of
a like character. From the ceiling
two enormous white globes
encased in dull brass chain work
that light the main body of the
chamber of commerce.

To the right is the ladies' room,
where in the utmost privacy, the
fair sex may hand over their real
estate mortgages without the danger
of "himself" wandering in, and
wanting to know what's what, or
being made wise to the fact that his
better half is in a position to lend
him more than he can her. Here
Milady may rest after her labors,
and write her billet doux or glance
over the popular women's magazines
having earned the right after carry-
ing, entirely unaided, the burden
and responsibility of "all that
money" which she is storing up
against Easter bonnets and dainty
chiffons.

Across the way is the manager's
room, where I have heard told that
you put a man on the rack, or in the
sweat-box, and do all sorts of such
dreadful things that strong men
even quail when they enter the portal,
and timid men almost have the
blind staggers.

Personally I saw nothing but a
quiet cheery room, with a pleasant
gray fire, a number of stately
palm and other green plants, a
luxurious Turkish rug, sensible
desk, and the genial manager, Mr.
Kirkpatrick, himself

Look as I would, I could find no
trace of the horrors I had heard
imputed to this peaceful spot.

No smallest indication that here
fates are decided, and matters of
almost life and death receive their
ultimatum. Above the mantle Mr.
Wilkie, the general manager, looks
down serenely and with an air sug-
gesting even-handed justice, so what
has a man to fear in that tranquil
glass-walled room, that makes him
matter of a morning "Jones, if the
bank calls me up say 'I'm out,' or
"I'd rather be shot than go around
for that little heart-to-heart."

I am not in the least ashamed to
confess it that I am Raffles and
Sherlock Holmes mad. Give me such
stories of stirring adventure, a
grate fire, and someone reasonably
near to ensure company if the inci-
dents become too "creepy"—and the
Queen would have much ado to per-
suade me to call her Aunt.

And if Raffles has had my admira-
tion and respect up to date, after
seeing the marvelous inner safe-
guards of such an institution, that
of Saturday, I am now prepared to
admit that all he has to do to make
me believe forged steel is so much
tissue paper, is to say the word. I
have always been keen to investi-
gate one of those great strong rooms
that hold more than a king's ran-
som. Mr. Kirkpatrick gave me
the opportunity.

Through a door so massive I
couldn't move it, we entered the
vault, a solid steel compartment,
where were the two small safes that
hold enough "treasure" to put the
most of us "on Easy street". Such
insignificant iron boxes to hold a
man's happiness or despair within
their grasp as I thought of it, Mr.
Kirkpatrick was explaining the
fascinating mechanism of the time
lock, and the other preventatives
against light fingered gentlemen
both within and without the bank.
When we had finished I was almost
persuaded that a Raffles who could
run such a gauntlet, deserved all he
got.

Back in the bank proper, I saw
such interesting sights as the bank
ambulance, a conveyance for carry-
ing the mighty ledgers and day
books to and fro of a morning or
evening. It runs as easily as a Red
Cross ambulance, and has revolving
rollers on each shelf so that even
the covers that bind your little busi-
ness transactions may not be worn
in transit. Two adding machines
capable of figuring up yards of
figures while you wait, were also
objects of interest. No more do
much-tried tellers lose their rest o'
nights, worrying their brains with
mile long columns of figures. You
merely press the button and presto!
you have the result.

The perfection of the entire
system is what staggers you.
Cheques so skillfully manufactured
that the slightest attempt to alter
them is at once apparent in the paper
changing color, is only one specific in
stance of how thoroughly the whole
working scheme has been thought
out.

Half way up, that is above the
other vault, is yet another strong
room, a solid steel structure where
are kept all the documents, vouchers,
deposits, slips, etc., as well as all the
books that have been kept by this
branch of the service since it first
opened its doors in Edmonton
seventeen years ago.

The earnestness and unreality of be-
ing so close to records that must
sum up a great deal of the romance
of the Capital city impressed me
strangely. Books almost always
summon up conjecture, but books
containing mysterious bank secrets,
the bald statements of tremendous
deals, and fortunes made and lost,
are almost awful in their poten-
tiality. One wonders how these Old
Timers pass their days. Do they
"reminis," like all the other in-
habitants of the older Edmonton?

or do they guard their secrets with
a jealous eye? Do they occasionally
perhaps open out when a man has
thought them dead and buried, to
confront him with his "deeds"? To
these questions, I could, no doubt,
obtain a satisfactory reply, but

there are occasions when it is more
amusing to remain in the dark.
This is one.

On the fourth storey are the bank
boys' quarters. Now, while in a
measure I was somewhat prepared
to find these away above the ordi-
nary, I was not expecting the most
commodious rooms in town. Big,
airy bedrooms, with soft, luxurious
rugs, fumed oak furniture, reading
ramps, huge wardrobes off each room
in short everything a man could
possibly desire for comfort and
elegance.

Contrary to expectations every-
thing was in apple pie order. Each
boy's "best girl's" photo even being
carefully dusted and again in place
his dresser, after its evening rest
beneath his pillow. Only one pair

of pale blue silk suspenders be-
tokened an evening's dissipation at a
dance—for the rest, the quarters
might have belonged to the
Y.W.C.A.

These badly-used boys have only
three private bath-rooms, beautifully
fitted up devoted to their use.
While even the soap they use
is specially manufactured and
rugs, fumed oak furniture, reading
ramps, huge wardrobes off each room
It may not surprise you also to learn
that there is a large billiard room
at the front of their flat, and a
living room that might make any
married woman jealous.

With the most commanding view
in the city at their disposal, deep
leather cushioned easy chairs, a
grate fire, books galore and what
beneath his pillow. Only one pair

Another Banner Year

The Imperial Life's Record 1897 1908

Year	Net Premium	Income from Interest &c.	Premium for Policy- holders and Inter- est Income	Reveries for Fol- lowers	Total Assets	Average Rate of Interest Earned	Assurance in Force
1897	\$ 32,659.98	\$ 3,396.26	\$ 37,416.19	\$ 38,426.00	\$ 336,247.70	4.00	\$ 1,168,725.00
1899	296,017.08	27,406.12	323,423.20	411,112.00	800,443.20	4.00	7,142,625.00
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At the Legislature

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act, but it is in deadly earnest in its anxiety that it should pass, but for probably the first time in the history of labor in Canada, or for that matter in America, we have a government in the act of passing legislation which if left to the vote of the House might end up entirely different. In every other case where concessions were wrested from governments the agitation came from outside and when it became so clamorous that it could no longer be disregarded the politicians made a policy of it and passed it through. In this case the only clamor that seems to be arising from the outside seems to be from the operators, and believe me they are hollering for fair. Some of the notes, wires, and messages that have been received during the past three or four days would make pretty spicy stuff if handed out for publication, but the capitalists, in exact opposite to labor, do their kicking subrosa and these things never get into print. It is free gossip around the lobby and houses, however, that the operators are after Cross's scalp for the compensation act and that they intend to make a dead set on him at the next election for what they consider the most unkind cut of all; it is also noticeable that the morning after the eight hour bill came up for its second reading, that Cushing had business of such great importance at Calgary that he had to leave the session and go down to look after it, and the gossip is that the operators are having an indignation meeting at which they want to tell him what they think of a government that will pass legislation like that. There is not much danger, however, that they will jar Cushing very much as he does not belong to the quitting family and he has taken hold of the law with the idea that it goes through."

Mr. Frank Sherman, who has been the most prominent figure in labor circles in Alberta since the establishment of the province, on being interviewed, expressed himself as follows:

"The Alberta Government has redeemed its promise to the coal miners, although we would have liked it to have gone somewhat further."

"On behalf of the United Mine Workers of America, the largest body of organized labor in this province, I desire to say that the labor legislation passed at this session of the Legislature, while not all that we have hoped for, is a great improvement upon old conditions. We believe this legislation to be an honest attempt to place the wage-earners of this province upon an equal footing with the workers of other provinces in the Dominion. However, this legislation, while good as far as it goes, cannot settle the question of labor and capital. We accept these new laws only as an installment of what is due the workers of this country. The Alberta Government has redeemed its promises to the Coal Miners, although it has not gone so far as we would have liked it to have gone."

"We desire to thank the entire Legislature for their unfailing courtesy to our representatives and for the considerate treatment we have received at their hands."

"The passing of the eight hour bill will remove what has been a bone of contention between us and our employers in this province for some years, and therefore will tend in the direction of industrial peace."

"The Workman's Compensation Act will result in greater care being taken for the protection of the lives and limbs of the wage earners, and after all, that is what we require, for you cannot give adequate compensation to the widow and orphans for the loss of their bread winner, nor to a worker for the loss of his limbs."

"The Compensation Act places a value on the lives of our workmen, and we know from experience that steps will be taken by employers of labor to safeguard them."

How far reaching this compensation legislation may prove is being illustrated by some cases now before the courts in England, under the British Act of 1906. An employee of a coal company, for instance, left off work one Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. At noon he went for his wages, using a footpath

made by his employers to give access to the works. While doing so he was struck by a passing train and injured. The county court judge decided against the man, but the Court of Appeals reversed this judgment, holding that it was a part of the contract of employment to require the employee to pass along that dangerous route to obtain his wages. Therefore the accident made the employer liable as if the accident had happened in the course of the man's daily employment, and entitled him to compensation. Other decisions of the Court of Appeal have maintained that mere negligence on the part of the employee is no bar to compensation, though "serious and wilful misconduct" has been declared to relieve the employer from liability. Even this, under the act, is not a bar to compensation when death results. As a result of the law and its liberal interpretation by the courts the insurance companies are doing a rushing business, for every employer must insure or take the risk himself.

Mr. Hiebert finally succeeded in getting his ideas on the dispensary system before the House on Monday in the form of a resolution. He pictured very graphically the evils that arise from the liquor traffic and urged that a legislature which allowed that traffic to continue in its present form was morally responsible for the suffering and distress that resulted. Mr. Cross was, however, able to show that the House had already travelled a long distance in the direction indicated by Mr. Hiebert. It was, for instance, the only province in the Dominion, which had a system of total prohibition outside of municipal districts. He did not think that it had yet been shown that the assumption of the sole right of vending liquors by the province was altogether desirable and before any legislation was introduced along these lines, he was of the opinion that thorough investigation should be made. The House adopted a resolution to this effect, only the members of the Opposition opposing it.

Mr. Hiebert is also anxious to have a Hansard established for the Legislature. Mr. Simmons strongly opposed the idea, stating that Hansard was a nuisance at Ottawa. It was finally agreed to let the suggestion stand over till another session. The Saturday News thoroughly agrees with Mr. Simmons. In some few cases it is an advantage to have a Hansard, but there is much more to be said against it than in its favor. At Ottawa there are dozens of speeches made each year that are of absolutely no value to the country and that would not be delivered, if the member did not want to get them into Hansard, copies of which he can then send to his constituents in the hope of impressing them with his importance. The direct cost is many times as heavy as the indirect. For all practical purposes the reports in the daily papers are sufficient.

In his budget speech on Tuesday, the Premier had a very satisfactory report to make. The financial stringency, the House was informed had not in the least affected the Province. Its bank account had not been once overdrawn and there was now a surplus of \$69,000 about \$32,000 more than had been calculated upon a year ago. At some length Mr. Rutherford dealt with the financial relations of the Province with the Dominion, and by the figures themselves and by the opinions expressed by the Premiers of

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and Mr. F. B. Redmond, wholesale fur merchant of that city.

Rev. Dr. Shearer, former general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance and now occupying a similar position in connection with the moral and social reform department of the Presbyterian Church outlined the work of the latter at First and Queen's Avenue Presbyterian churches on Sunday.

Lieut. Col. J. Knox Leslie was in Edmonton this week endeavoring to arrange for a large provincial exhibit at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition. Mr. W. L. Rhodes of Seattle was here last week on a similar mission in connection with the Alaska, Yukon and Pacific Exhibition from June 15th to Oct. 15.

Mr. T. B. R. Henderson, of Edmonton, has been appointed chief weed inspector in place of Mr. A. Mitchell, resigned. Mr. Henderson is an energetic young man who has filled the position of chief clerk in the Department of Agriculture since the establishment of the province.

Mr. W. D. Scott, superintendent of immigration, Ottawa, visited Edmonton at the first of the week on an inspection trip.

General Superintendent Cameron of the C.N.R., accompanied by Walter Pratt, superintendent of sleeping and dining cars, and A. Shields, master mechanic, reached Edmonton on Sunday.

Mr. Charles S. Sharpe, of Winnipeg a partner in the May Sharpe Construction Co., is in Edmonton this week on a business trip. The firm's work at Clover Bar bridge is now almost completed.

Mr. E. D. Grierson is back from California for two weeks, business calling him home.

Ex-Mayor Charles May has been appointed a director of the Home Life Insurance Company.

The residents on Ross Flats, R.L.4 have petitioned the council to grant an exclusive franchise to Donald Ross for a period of 15 years to lay pipes in the streets and lanes in R.L.4 on Ross Flats, to supply that area with natural gas. The petitioners stated that Mr. Ross was now preparing to sink a gas well on the Ross Flats. If this venture were successful, it is pointed out, it would doubtless make Ross Flats the manufacturing center of Edmonton.

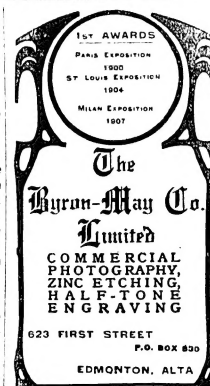
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Music and the Drama

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A most competent musical director is in charge and, taking it all round, the attraction is one for which theatre-goers are under an obligation to manager Brandon for bringing to the city. "The Chimes of Normandy" is advertised for Friday night, "La Mascotte" for Saturday night, and "The Circus Clown" for Saturday afternoon.

Last Saturday afternoon and evening, another company of amateurs showed what they could do under the guidance of Mr. Irving Beers. "A Noble Outcast" is a good type of melodrama and full justice was done it. Mr. Beers himself had the part of Jerry Weston, while the leading lady of the occasion was Miss Cecilia Hope. On these two the burden of the production rested. Mr. Beers again demonstrated his versatility while Miss Hope showed a histrionic capacity which, joined to the possession of so excellent a singing voice, should enable her to travel far in the world of the stage. The other parts were taken as follows: James Blackburn, Mr. Sidney Morris; Col. Lee Mr. L. Andrews; Jack Worthington, Mr. H. Shervell; Billy Jenkins, Mr. A. Murray; Mrs. Lee, Miss E. Swarbrick, and Sadie, Miss D. Newton.

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At the Legislature.

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Manitoba and British Columbia showed that no province in the Dominion occupied a more favorable opinion in this connection.

The receipts for the year amounted to \$2,520,025. Into a consideration of the expenditure made by the different departments the Premier went with considerable detail. A particularly gratifying result to his mind was the fact that the Attorney General's department had been self sustaining. The surplus, which the budget showed, had not been created, as had so often been done in other parts of the country, by charging up large items to capital account. The whole expenditure of the province had been met out of current revenue.

Among the estimates was the sum of \$200,000, to be used in the construction, operation, maintenance and acquiring of telephone lines. Negotiations are in progress with the Bell Co. and it is possible that a bargain may be struck with them during the year for the acquiring of their lines in the province. The sum of \$14,000 is placed in the estimates, for the purchase of free ranges for all the schools of the province. For a \$200,000 court house in Edmonton, an initial amount of \$50,000 is asked and \$125,000 on the parliament buildings, which, it is calculated, will eventually cost \$1,250,000.

There were many members of the Farmers' Association in the galleries to hear the announcement of the Premier in regard to what was intended to do in regard to the pork packing and beef canning project, which the Association has had in hand. Here is what the official organ of the Association, The Alberta Homestead, had to say regarding the announcement that was forthcoming:

The Premier asked for \$5000 to be devoted to investigating the meat industry.

He stated that there would be no commission appointed but that two or possibly three persons would be employed to ascertain the best methods of handling and curing meat and to devise a scheme whereby the government could safely embark in the business.

While this is disappointing to many of the farmers, it is an important step and it is up to the farmers to see to it that another and more decisive step is taken in the near future. We are disposed to take an optimistic view of the situation and we must say that as compared with the situation a year ago most encouraging progress has been made toward a government owned and operated pork packing and beef canning plant.

Note and Comment.

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city would be told that the company was under no obligation to do so. Such a reply would be no whit more remarkable than that of the Lorimer Company.

Of this much we are certain, however, that the people who have been in patiently waiting for telephones during the last two or three years would like, in case the promise now made by the Strowger Company is not fulfilled, to see the city authorities test whether such agreements mean anything or not, by trying to collect the \$25,000, that is mentioned as the guarantee. If they made the attempt, they would at least be able to profit by the experience in future negotiations.

Strathcona seems likely to seize the occasion to instal a government system in that city. Edmonton might have done worse than make a similar move. It should be in the interests of efficiency and economy to have all the telephones of the province under the control of one body. The handling of the service up to the present by our own civic authorities does not inspire any great degree of confidence and we believe that the bulk of the citizens would welcome the turning of it over to the government.

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Editor Saturday News.

Sir, — When a man has a kick coming, the best way to get over the kick is to unload and see the results at once.

I am a subscriber to the Young Men's Fund of the Y.M.C.A. and like many of the boys who gave our mite towards the building I gave because of the personality of the late secretary Mr. Chadwick, and like many of the boys felt very sorry when the announcement was made that Mr. Chadwick was leaving to take charge of a new work, because he won the respect of the boys by his cheerful big hearted way of meeting the men and giving them a lift over the rough spots, and he must have won the confidence of the business men to have built such a building as there is at the head of Howard Ave. Along with a group of other young men, it was my privilege to attend the opening ceremony and we listened with pleasure to the remarks of the speakers as they told of the beautiful building and of the good it would be the means of accomplishing, but as the speakers arose one after the other and gave their thoughtfully prepared speeches and no mention was made of the work of Mr. Chadwick we felt pretty indignant and concluded that the Board of Directors or what ever the body of gentlemen in charge of the Y.M.C.A. is called are a pretty ungrateful lot. These men were all associated with him in the work and know that he did the most of it, practically all of it and gave about twenty four hours service of seven days a week to the Y.M.C.A. yet they make no mention of the fact.

The boys of the group I call my friends have been watching the papers with considerable interest, to see if the Board of Directors had been holding back some surprise in the way of a tangible evidence of appreciation of effort, but there seems to be nothing doing in that line.

I want to say this, Mr Editor, that if a spirit or lack of spirit of appreciation of work is the common policy of the Y.M.C.A in Edmonton then the best secretary or physical director or the combined efforts of them both can never attract a great many of the young men of the city to the membership.

I trust that you will give this kick of mine a place in your valuable paper, and sincerely hope that the Y.M.C.A. will wake up and show appreciation of the men who are now acting as the "Executive Staff."

Yours truly

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John Hagmann at the High Court on Tuesday was awarded \$1300 damages in his suit against the city arising out of an accident sustained in front of the Imperial Bank last spring, a loose plank causing him to break his ankle.

The following is the report of the nominating committee, which was adopted unanimously at the annual meeting of the Edmonton Board of Trade for the election of officers on Friday last:

President, A. C. Fraser, nominated by Jas. McGeorge and P. E. Lessard.

First vice president, J. C. Dowsett, nominated by A. B. Campbell and Jas. McGeorge.

Second vice president, George Stockand, nominated by K. W. McKenzie, and F. T. Fisher.

Third vice president, F. T. Fisher, nominated by P. E. Lessard and Jas. McGeorge.

Financial section, T. M. Turnbull, manager Bank of Commerce, Grain and Milling, A. B. Campbell, Insurance, Jas. McGeorge, Manufacturers W. H. Clarke, Professional, William Short, K.C. Real Estate, S.H. Smith, wholesaler, F. M. Morgan, retail, P. E. Lessard.

Chairman committee for promotion of industries and commercial enterprises, J. C. Dowsett.

Chairman of Transportation Committee, Geo. Stockand.

Chairman of Committee on Civic Interests, F. T. Fisher.

Chairman of Publicity Committee, A. G. Harrison.

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The Mirror

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not, is it any wonder that lovely eyes
must sparkle their brightest, and
popular girls exert their most
potent charms to lure these happily
situated bachelors to Hyman's altar.
And in all this I have said no word
of the modest man who evolved not
only the magnificent structure itself,
but who thought out every step in
its most insignificant detail.

Mr. Barnes' work as an architect
need no praise of mine to shout it
aloud, but finds its best monument
in such creations of his brain, as
the Imperial Bank, the Courtyer resi-
dence, (Belton Lodge), Mr. McPherson's,
Mr. Cole's and other charming
homes too numerous to mention.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and cry
A Stander-by

It is perhaps a fortunate thing for
the health of the women and the
home comfort of the men, of Edmon-
ton, that Lent comes but once a
year, and that once there is a
rest period of forty days and forty
nights for I am sure we shall need
every minute of the time to recover
from the effects of this last mad
merry week.

Such a succession of day and night
"bridging" and dancing I have not
known since coming West. Person-
ally I have been kept more than
busy endeavoring to look up adjectives
to describe the one half the affair,
but even at this stage of the game
I have to confess, that between
Bridges, I haven't had time to resur-
rect a single one.

A week hence we shall all be doing
penance, in our old clothes, and
sober faces, but until Wednesday—
until then—I expect we will go the
pace as long as any of our friends
can be found to give a party,
afterwards we can live on the
memory of this really jolly scramble.
I think the first event since last
week's issue was Mr. Roland Lines' and
Mr. Frith's skating party on
Friday afternoon, when about a hun-
dred and fifty guests responded to
the kindly invitation, though the
weather without doors was more
suggestive of summer boating, than
ice-bound rinks, and no one dreamed
of donning any but spring suits.

The hosts, however, were loud in
their protestations, that even if the
ice did look more like a pool of
water, there was dandy skating un-
derneath, and to prove it, they and
the majority of the guests, donned
their skates and went off on an
hilarious splash-and had really
more fun than if conditions had been
perfectly normal. And the band
played on—never better—and one
man who hadn't skated in thirty
years, was so carried away with the
withery of it, that he too joined the
gay throng, and had the time of
his life.

The hosts of the afternoon re-
ceived their guests at the entrance
to the rink, Mr. Frith wearing a
charming suit of dark green with an
indiscreet blue stripe, a natty green
tie, tied in the latest knot, a modish
woolen vest and a jaunty Christie;
Mr. Lines was also wearing a
smart tailor made, so becoming to
his fair type of beauty, and which
set off his manly figure to a nicety.

It was an afternoon of genuine
fun and enjoyment, the kindly hosts
doing the honors of the occasion
abundantly, while the four lady
matronesses, Mrs. T. W. Lines, in a
light grey tweed suit and stunning
picture hat of claret velvet, almost
covered with penguins; Mrs. Turn-
bull in a tailor made of dark green,
with a becoming turban; Mrs. Cross
in a jaunty green broad-cloth suit
and huge hat of green velvet, with
a wreath of exquisitely shaded roses
in wine shades; and Mrs. St. George
Jellet, also in a tailored suit and
black sequinned hat, were indefatigable
in looking after the comfort of
the smart assembly. Practically
all the gay social world was
present in their most attractive
street costumes and fetching hats,
and the ladies dressing room, which
was arranged as a tea room, with
yards of bunting and strings of
many colored lights was a pretty
scene as the skaters drifted in to
discuss the delicious dainties pro-

vided. The cloak room had been ar-
ranged a la buffet, with many lovely
cut flowers, and nothing was left
undone to add to the comfort and
pleasure of this hugely successful
"man's" party.

On Saturday there were at least
two tens I know of on the tapis;
a tiny affair with Miss Hughes as the
hostess, at her home on MacDougall
street, and Mrs. and the Misses
Sommerville's largely attended "At
Home" at their residence on Jasper
Ave.

Miss Hughes' toilet was really
only a few friends to meet her sister,
Mrs. Kneil; Mrs. Charles Fisher,
Mrs. de Lottinier Harwood, Mrs.
Bedlin, and Mrs. Balmer Watt, but
the guests had the delight of a quiet
intimate chat with a genuinely
bright hostess, a delicious cup of tea
round a prettily decorated home
like table, the really nicest kind of
a tea, where you have the chance of
becoming more than passably
acquainted with women who, as a
rule, flit by you at larger affairs,
"like ships that pass in the night."

Miss Merrill, formerly editor and
proprietor of "The Prairie," a
bright Calgary weekly, is the guest
of Mrs. Barney Cooper. I believe it
is Miss Merrill's intention to either
take up journalistic work or a
course of hospital training in Ed-
monton, so whatever she decides,
her many friends will be delighted
to know she will remain in the
Capital.

Saturday's Calgary Herald had
the following: "Mrs. Sifton enter-
tained with charming originality
yesterday at a Japanese luncheon.
She received her guests, who arrived
in fetching Japanese costumes,
herself petite and attractive in a
kimono of mauve eminently becom-
ing. The dining room and table
were elaborately decorated with
myriads of Japanese favors. Up on
a huge mirror, an inverted
Japanese umbrella held a wreath of
golden chrysanthemums, and pretty
little gifts to be carried away as so-
venirs of the occasion were placed
beside each cover. From the four
corners of the room to the electric
ceiling, were gay streamers strung
with flags of every nation, with Japanese
effects in predominance. A deli-
cious hour was spent at luncheon,
the guests including Miss Burnham,
in whose honor the affair was given,
Mrs. Helm, Mrs. Loughheed, Mrs.
Blaylock, Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Short,
Mrs. Grogan, Mrs. Sisley and Mrs.
Woods."

On Saturday afternoon Jasper
Ave. was fairly lined with a steady
stream of smartly frocked women,
all going on to the Sommerville
tea, and those who weren't walking
you caught sight of in carriages or
motors, whizzing happily by in still
lighter frocks than were possible to
those on foot, who had fairly to swim
to navigate at all.

Overhead it was a dream of a
day. Sparkling sunshine and a kiss
of a breeze, but underfoot slush
and water reigned supreme, as many
muddled gowns can testify.

But the tea itself was worth it.
this hospitable house being an ever
pleasant rendezvous for an affair of
the kind.

Mrs. Sommerville was, as always,
cordially unaffected in her welcome
of her friends, her married daughter
Mrs. Mays, Mrs. Frank Sommerville,
and the three daughters of
the house being near at hand to echo
her greetings.

The hostess received in a rich
pink-colored gown with white lace
garniture and found time amid all
her exacting duties for a quiet chat
with her intimate friends. Miss
Sommerville in a lovely pink silk
frock with sprays of quaint flowers
Val, trimmings and pink silk
fringe; Miss Abby in a pretty pale
blue figured muslin, her coiffure
most becomingly dressed, and Miss
Dorothy in a dainty girlish frock of
pink figured organdie with Val lace
garniture made a trio of attractive
young assistant hostesses.

In the tea room the table was con-
trolled by a huge bowl of lovely
narcissus on a centerpiece of filmy
tulle and lace, here Mrs. Lane in a
fetching gown of palest blue and
large picture hat, and Mrs. And-
erson in a smart tailored suit over a

dainty lace bodice, and jaunty hat,
served tea and coffee, while Miss
Babe Graves, Miss Alice Cameron
and Miss Kathleen Pace passed the
delicious dainties.

Mrs. Mays, prettily frocked in a
gown of softest green silk with ceru-
piece and insertion, and a black pic-
ture hat, with a spray of deep pink
roses, and Mrs. Frank Sommerville
in a figured navy blue silk with
eyelot embroidered gumpie and
white velvet and mink hat with vio-
lets, were indefatigable in looking
after the comfort of everyone.

At the last moment the electric
light burned out and tea was served
by candle-light, which as I have
remarked before, is the softest,
prettiest light in the world, and
would, if hostesses were graduates
in the art of producing lovely
effects, be more universally em-
ployed than at present.

The tea was such an altogether
pleasant one that at a late hour the
guests were still lingering—fortu-
nately for many of them because
"carriage ladies" and fortunate
motor owners took pity on them, and
tucked them into less than no space
and whizzed them home. To Mr.
Mills whose motor seemed little
short of telescope in being able to
afford room at convenience, a great
many of us were indebted for a lift,
and here's many thanks to him.

To enumerate who were there
would fill a column so space is
particularly valuable this week I
shall not attempt it.

As usual I have gone off at a tan-
gent in enumerating chronologi-
cally, the distractions of the week.
Reverends a nos motions.

On Friday evening Mrs. Turnbull
had a very large euchre, when this
always charming hostess and hos-
pitable home, added yet another to
their long list of happy gatherings.

There are certain homes in Ed-
monton, as there are in every town
and city, where the welcome you
enjoy can only be described under
the heading of that "fine old time"
hospitality, which one reads about,
but only too seldom experiences. It
is the triumph of good breeding,
open handed generosity, savoir faire,
tactfulness, and gentle heartedness.
As one thinks of it one calls to mind
the Turnbells, the Strathys, the
Wilson's and many others I might
mention, and some day I have a
notion of writing up anonymously
"Hostesses I have known in Edmon-
ton," and elsewhere—and you can
have the diversion of identifying
"Who's Who."

Saturday teas I have already made
reference to. Monday hostilities
may be fairly said to have com-
menced, which kept up with unre-
laxing vigor—until a late hour on
Saturday night.

The engagement opened with a
matinee Bridge at Mrs. Scoble's on
Monday, when four tables engaged
in play, had a merry afternoon
of it, piling up a score.

The hostess received in the cheery
living room, a charming apartment
with all the artistic touches one
has come to expect from this dainty
little lady. Flowers and plants
here, there and everywhere, softly
hung curtains, and well selected
pictures, all conspire to make up a
restful, gratefully-simple toutte en
semble very refreshing, to eyes
grown weary of much fuss and
elaborate adornment.

Mrs. Scoble received her friends
in a pretty frock of raw silk with
ceru insertion garniture and touches
of palest pink.

Those who tried their skill at the
enthralling game were: Mrs. Bower
Campbell, who captured the first
prize; Mrs. Braithwaite, Mrs. Dun-
can Smith, Mrs. Morris, Mrs.
Charlesworth, Mrs. Lane, and her
guest, Miss Watson, Mrs. Frank
Sommerville, Miss Bates, who came
with her sister, Mrs. Donald W.
Macdonald, Mrs. Jack Anderson,
Mrs. Barford, Miss Melree, Mrs.
Balmer Watt, and Mrs. McKenty of
Gull Lake, who carried off the
"Consolation."

At the tea hour Mrs. Mays, Mrs.
Cooper, Mrs. Almon, Mrs. Feather-
stonhaugh, Miss Merrill, and Mrs.
Hislop dropped in for a few
moments.

Tea was served from a large pol-
ished table in the dining room, glow-
ing with a great gold mass of nod-
ding daffodils on a lace shrouded
yellow silk centerpiece, Mrs. Braith-
waite presiding.

On Monday evening Mrs. Barnes
had a Military Euchre" of five ta-
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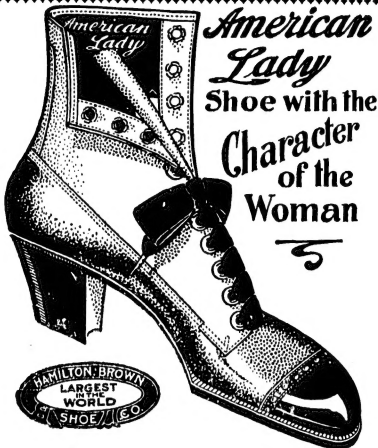
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Home and Society

(Continued from page 6)

bles, when the guests report an exceedingly jolly time, and the same night a packed house witnessed the first performance of "The Beggar Prince Opera Co." It was a great relief to have the orchestra once again, and the audience were not slow in expressing their appreciation of the change. Fra Diavolo, the opera presented, is an old favorite, and if one has any fault to find it was that the romantic, devil-may-care bandit, had a sufficient of his make-up to present a realistic portrayal of the part. From a devil one, after all, expects so much. However, all in all, the company made a fine impression, and crowded houses on each successive evening undoubtedly demonstrated that everyone was very well pleased.

In the audience on the first night I saw: Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Dr. and Mrs. Ferris, Mr. and Miss Babbitt, Miss Graves and Miss Babe Graves, Mr. Hector and Mr. Billy Heffernan, Mr. and Mrs. Lane and Miss Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Brunton, Mr. and Mrs. Short, Mrs. Robt. Mays, the Misses Sommerville, and many others.

Another afternoon Bridge on Tuesday brought a merry coterie out in their best bika and tuckers, this time Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson being the hostess and her very pretty sister, Miss Duncan, her able assistant.

The bijou residence was very comfortably filled by the four tables engaged in play, and the daintily appointed rooms with the little crowd of smartly frocked women looked very attractive.

Mrs. Jackson was wearing a simple muslin frock with just a touch of her favorite, pale blue, at the throat; Miss Duncan, a daintily, lovely, hand embroidered gown of the same light material, and the two sisters so alike and yet unlike made a charming picture as they received their guests.

The fortunate invitees of the afternoon were: Mrs. Ewing, who brought her sister, Mrs. Harvey, of Orillia, who incidentally captured the "Booby" prize, and looked very sweet in an attractive gown of pale mauve; Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Jack Anderson, Mrs. Morris, Madame Thibaudau, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Frank Sommerville, Mrs. Brunton, Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Charlesworth, Mrs. Biggar, and Mrs. Balmer Watt.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was the successful winner of the first prize, a lovely vase in tapestry design, much admired by all of those unfortunate enough to have lost it.

Mrs. Hayes presided at the tea table, centred with a pot of exquisite hyacinths, whose permeating fragrance penetrated to all parts of the room; and an hour or more was taken up chatting in these pleasant surroundings.

I have just remembered that I have forgotten to mention Miss McKenney's tea on Monday afternoon, when a happy party of mostly unmarrieds, foregathered and had a pleasant hour, over the tea cups.

I hear it was a very nice party indeed, all that a young girl's tea should be, and the house was a bright and gay scene about half past five when everyone had arrived.

Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson was, I know, one of the presiding genies at the prettily decorated table and all of the girl visitors in town were present with their hostesses.

Again on Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull were "At Home" to a very large number of friends, ten tables being invited for Bridge, while a large number later came on from the reception at Government House for the impromptu dance following.

The arrangements of this hand some residence are splendidly adapted for entertaining, and altho' so large a number had to be seated at no time were the rooms uncomfortably crowded.

The host and hostess with Mrs. Crawford received at the entrance to the fine reception room, the host with a genial word of greeting to all, Mrs. Turnbull daintily frocked

in white, with Val. lace and insertion, and Mrs. Crawford, with a quiet word of welcome, dressed most becomingly in black, relieved with white lace.

Play took place in the large double rooms, and the host's own particular den, and scores throughout were amazingly low.

The guests included Mr. Justice and Mrs. Scott, whom every one was delighted to see about once more, Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale, the lady in black, dotted chiffon, her lady beautifully dressed in some new fashion; Mr. Reginald and Mrs. Cantley, the latter in white point d'esprit with delicate flower applique and blue satin girdle; Dr. and Mrs. Duncan Smith, the lady in black and white embroidered chiffon with touches of black velvet, and a handsome jewelled ornament in her hair; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson, the latter looking stunning in a black sequined gown; Miss Duncan in white crepe de chine with a blue band in her hair, very smart and chic; Mrs. Bower Campbell in pale grey, relieved with white; Mrs. Morris in pale pink chiffon, with deep berthe of handsome Baby Irish lace, and a shirred chiffon vest, her pretty hair dressed with many soft puffs; Mr. and Mrs. Calderon, the lady in grey satin with white chiffon and lace garniture; Mr. and Mrs. Brunton, the latter in a beautiful Rose Point lace robe; Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, the lady in black net and lace over white taffeta; Dr. and Mrs. Hielop, the latter in a becoming black net frock, their guest Miss Melree, in pale blue satin with over bodice of dotted chiffon; Miss Fox in pretty girlish white muslin, lace and insertion trimmed; Miss Sowden in white point d'esprit and Dresden silk; Mr. and Mrs. Charlesworth, the lady in a lovely white lace robe, embroidered in raised satin design; Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, the lady in becoming black net; Mr. and Mrs. Lane, the lady in yellow silk mull with velvet ribbon garniture, their guest, Miss Watson a striking looking brunette in pale blue figured organdie with violet ruchings and knot of violets on the corsage; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sommerville, the latter in a smart black toilette; Mr. and Mrs. Pardee, the lady in black crepe de chine; Mr. and Mrs. Norquay, the latter in pale blue silk; Mr. Walker and Mr. McLeod, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Later a party from Government House dropped in: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Macdonald, the lady in white silk, with a knot of violets on the décolleté; Mr. and Mrs. Bowers, the latter looking extremely well in palest pink silk with rose velvet and lace garniture, and Major and Madame Thibaudau, the lady in soft white satin, with a French knot of gold ribbon in her coiffure.

After a delicious supper the fortunate winners received their favors, Judge Scott, one of S. E. White's stories, and Mrs. Norquay, a quaint loving cup, after which there was a jolly dance, kept up until the small hours.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Bredin held a reception at her apartments on Seventh street, when she received her guests in an embroidered white linen gown, and did the honors in her own quiet, unostentatious way.

Tea and delicious dainties were to be had at a table down with some lovely crimson tulips, and lit by crimson shaded candles, Mrs. Fisher wearing an elaborate white gown and large white chapeau, serving the ices, and Mrs. Beck the chocolate the Misses Stark and Miss Mary Harris proving a trio of attentive as well as attractive assistants.

At one of the Tuesday parties I heard the good news that Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris, formerly of Edmonton, and now of Victoria, B.C., have a bonny new son, born early in the week, and over which they are, very naturally, rejoicing greatly.

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robertson had a son and heir born to them, a lusty young infant, who is, needless to say, being made a great fuss over by his large connection of relatives.

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Home and Society

Tuesday's list of attractions does not even end here. In the evening Mrs. Enery had a dance for her boys, when a very few brides and the very youngest of the married set had the honor to be invited, and when, as goes without saying where such a kind hostess is concerned, everyone had a splendid time.

The same evening Government House was ablaze with lights, and sweet music, softly stealing, greeted the guests as they arrived for the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Bulvey's reception.

His Honor and Mrs. Bulvey with their guest, Mrs. Edwards of Macleod, received at the entrance to the reception room. Mrs. Bulvey wearing a gown of palest blue chiffon velvet with a herthe of exquisite lace, touches of silver and quaint little gold tassels, her ornaments being pearls and diamonds. Mrs. Edwards was also handsomely frocked, wearing a rich toilette of mauve satin with lovely lace garniture.

All over, both in the reception room and library, were the choicest flowers, great towering Calla lilies and dainty white carnations, making the handsome apartments a very bower of fragrant bloom.

Faerie princess among the floral decorations in the supper room was a dainty pale green umbrella literally overflowing with its sweet burden of white narcissus and waxen smilax, which was suspended over a mirror centered from the electrifier. The table itself was a vision of shimmering pale green satin streamers, softly shaded candle lights in the same delicate tone, while the tempting dainties with which the table was laden repeated the color scheme. Upstairs Richardson's Orchestra discoursed soft music, and all the rooms, both on the main floor and above stairs were crowded with a smart concourse of men and women.

The invited guests were: Hon. Speaker Fisher and Mrs. Fisher.

Messrs R. H. Alexander, Henry Astley, Ralph Bellamy, C. B. Beck, A. E. Burley, W. S. Weeks, S. Edward Bolton, Percy C. Byron, C. E. Barry, John Blue, I. S. Cowan, F. M. C. Crookill, J. K. Cornwall, G. M. Cowdroy, Roy Douglas, Andrew M. Frith, W. W. Gould, Charles A. Grant, H. H. Hyndman, H. J. Helliwell, F. M. Harris, Geo. D. James, W. S. Hefferman, Alfred A. Jones, Chas. G. Jones, W. E. Lines, Roland W. Lines, Chas. E. McManus, Jas. McDougall, A. Ogilvie, F. Lowry, O'Colley, J. K. Powell, H. B. Round, F. W. Bourke, Edmund Sloueck, W. R. Scott, Alex Taylor, Osborne Adamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harwood, C. A. Hyndman, J. D. Hyndman, Geo. Harcourt, Jas. Henderson, J. O'Neill Hayes, Horace Hume, A. E. Jackson, St. Geo. Jellett, P. N. Johnson, G. J. Kinnaird, R. R. Keely, J. A. Kenwood, Maurice Kimpe, J. E. Lee, E. Luck, Chas. May, Geo. Massie, J. H. Morris, Geo. Manuel, John G. Moody, J. Mills, Garnet Morris, D. W. Macdonald, K. M. McKewen, M. J. McLeod, F. B. McMahon, D. S. McKenzie, J. C. McDougall, F. E. Potter, A. E. P. Fowley, W. J. Rolfe, Walter Ramsay, H. W. Ross, W. Ren, H. W. Riley, John Stocks, H. V. Shaw, H. B. Spratt, Ernest F. Sloueck, Frank B. Smith, Chas. Scarth, Stanley Stewart, Joseph Whitelaw, Sydney B. Woods, T. H. Whitelaw, E. B. Williams, J. W. Ward, Percy Barnes, P. T. Hutchart, H. G. Brunton, N. C. Butterfield, St. Claire Bulet, J. N. Bolton, E. W. Burley, O. Bishoprie, A. Hutchart, E. N. Hutchart, W. F. H. Brown, J. B. Bowers, L. Charlesworth, J. G. Cote, J. W. Cunningham, John Cormack, E. E. Chauvin, Eunice Cope, J. J. Dunlop, R. Wistard Day, Etienne Delavault, H. W. B. Douglas, Geo. E. Ellis, C. R. Fittness, F. T. Fisher, J. A. Fife, Geo. Graydon, C. K. Green, G. Gilmer.

Misses L. M. Ashwell, Beatrice Beck, Marjorie Brown, Crookill, A. Cairns, J. Clarke, Dunlop, Feilders, Nora Fitzmaurice, Garripy, Graves, Madeline Graves, Hughes, Constance Rhodes, G. A. Shibley, Misses Straight, Stokes, Sowden, Eleanor Taylor, Seaton Thompson, Jeanne Tilley, Sadie Wishart, Henderson, Harris, M. V. Hicks, E. Irving, Pansy Kemp,

Lockart, A. Lachambre, Murphy, Nora Morkin, Gladys McLean, Alice McDougall, Irene McIntosh, Flora McQuarrie, K. McDonald, Libbie Neff, Perkins, Winnifred Perkins, Pagnuolo, Stanton.

Dr. and Mrs. Blais, Dr. C. N. Cobbett, Dr. A. E. Clendenan, Dr. J. K. Creighton, Dr. J. G. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. Forin, Dr. A. C. de Lotbiniere Harwood, Dr. Robert Hammond, Dr. and Mrs. Donald McGibbon, Dr. and Mrs. McDonnell, Dr. W. C. Redmond, Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Revell, Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Sproule, Dr. W. A. P. Ternan, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Whitelaw, Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells.

Capt. and Mrs. E. Hilliam.

Quite the largest afternoon bridge party this season claimed Mrs. Joseph Morris as hostess on Wednesday, when a great turnout of beautifully frocked women and expert bridges filled at least ten or eleven tables.

The fine, cosy reception room of this big little house is very well adapted to entertaining, and despite what looked to be a huge crush the game progressed amidst much comfort and merriment. The hostess received her guests in a most becoming frock of sheer eyelet-embroidered muslin, made en princesse, and admirably setting off Mrs. Morris's willowy girlish figure.

Mrs. Garnet Morris assisted her, dressed in a pretty black voile gown and a trig little turban, while Miss Maxine, the tall young daughter of the house who, if height had nought to do with it, should be sister and not daughter to this popular hostess, came in at the tea hour, frocked in pretty pink organdie, with slippers and stockings to correspond and was much admired by her mother's friends.

Play resulted in Mrs. Bishoprie and Mrs. Bigger capturing the handsome prizes, a Bohemian glass compote dish, and a quaint jug.

Among those present I noticed: Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Harvey of Orillia, Mrs. Brunton, Madame Thibault, Mrs. Bower Campbell, Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson, Miss Duncan, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Supple, Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. S. Swainland, Mrs. Calderon, Miss Bate, Mrs. Jack Anderson, Mrs. Bishop, Miss Melrose, Mrs. Charlesworth, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Frank Sommerville, Mrs. Lane, Miss Watson, Mrs. Seoble, and Mrs. Pardee.

At the tea hour several dropped in, including Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Stockand, and Mrs. John Sommerville.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Spratt had a small but very jolly bridge, and Mrs. Brunton had a large supper party after the very laughable performance of "The Circus Clown."

On Wednesday too, Mrs. Cross had a sessional dinner for ten, when the table was beautifully arranged with a veritable shower of pink carnations and fern, with two smaller vases at either end, on a centre of pale green silk shrouded in white tulle.

All women of Edmonton who are interested in philanthropy, literary and musical work and in the best development of the home and social life of our city are requested to attend a meeting for ladies to be held in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m., Saturday afternoon. The object of the meeting is to discuss the advisability of forming a branch of the National Council of Women.

This society is affiliated with the International Council of Women which is to hold its quinquennial council meetings next year in Toronto. It is expected that 2000 delegates, representing the women of nearly every nationality will attend the meeting. One item on the programme for the entertainment of these ladies is a trip through Canada to the coast, stopping at the various important towns along the line where the local councils exist. Some of the ladies of Edmonton, among other reasons, think on this account it desirable that a local council should be formed here to receive these distinguished ladies.

Mrs. O. C. Edwards, who is at present visiting at Government House has been active in council work; she will be present at the meeting on Saturday afternoon to explain the aims and objects of the council. The officers of all organizations of women are especially requested to be present.

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Mrs. McNaig entertained at luncheon on Thursday, when a little circle of guests had a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Driscoll's dance on Tuesday evening, was naturally one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the week, but owing to its lateness I have decided to hold the account of it over until next week's issue.

Friday the Hospital dance takes place. In the afternoon Mrs. Lane gives a Bridge.

Saturday Mrs. Lane again entertains, this time at a Five O'Clocker. Monday is Mrs. Bishoprie's dance, and on Tuesday there is some talk of a bachelor's hop.

I have no doubt that, even at this I have overlooked some disquisitions, but as the gripe has had the little taste to make me feel very miserably during the last few days, I haven't been able to follow things as it is my duty to do.

At any rate on Wednesday we enter upon a season of penance and peace - and I am not just sure whether to exclaim Thanks Be or otherwise.

Peggy

BORN

Lowden on February 25, to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lowden, First street, Edmonton, a daughter.

Robertson at Edmonton, on Monday, February 24th, the wife of R. A. Robertson, a son.

DIED

Chauvin in Montreal on Feb 21, William Chauvin, brother of Ernest E. Chauvin, Edmonton.

Attention is called to the notice of the itinerary announced in another column of Mr. David Fraser, inspector of steam boilers, arranged by the Provincial Department of Public Works.

On Wednesday the finance committee of the Edmonton Council decided to appoint Mr. E. L. Richardson of Toronto, an Australian by birth, as city auditor.



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